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Hello and thanks for joining in on to today's daily devotion. Today is Tuesday January 12th. The 3rd day of the Hebraic week.

Our verse today is Matt. 5:2,3

2 and he began to teach them, saying: 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

So, what does it mean to be poor in spirit? How can being poor in spirit bring about ones entrance into the kingdom of heaven? Whatever it means, it obviously is something God wants us to be. But what could it mean? The word "poor" just seems to carry a negative connotation to it. So why would YHWH desire anyone to be "poor"?

There are many opinions to this topic and I can only give you what I believe is plausible. It seems that being poor in spirit is to acknowledge and accept the state of our absolute spiritual depravity in the eyes of YHWH. To realize that we don't have anything of value, in and of ourselves, to bring before Him. To be poor in spirit is confessing, because of our sin, that we are completely left wanting spiritually. That we can do nothing to save ourselves from our hopelessness. It seems that Yashua is saying that no matter your position, prestige, or influence you may have in this life, you must acknowledge your spiritual poverty if you desire to come to YHWH in faith and receive His salvation.

So when Yeshua says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven," He is declaring that we must recognize our complete spiritual worthlessness and inability to save ourselves before we can enter God's kingdom,

There can be no pride what soever in our lives because we have nothing that we can be prideful of. Even that which we may have is ONLY made possible through Him. We possess nothing that wasn't first given by Him. Our very lives came from Him. In and of ourselves, we are poor and until we acknowledge and maintain that attitude, we are only deceiving ourselves and headed down the wrong path.

Let this be a focus in your time of meditation throughout the day. Until tomorrow, shalom!